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Turco Seeks Probe Of State's

BALTIMORE (AP) — A complete people's investigation into the Baltimore Police Department and the city state's attorney's office was called for Wednesday by Arthur F. Turco Jr., accused of ordering the torture-killing of a Black Panther sympathizer.

"They would like to silence those who have skills to bring injustices to public attention," Turco quietly told newsmen during a press conference a day after the state's attorney decision to retry him. It was his first meeting with the press since his release from jail on bond.

Milton Allen, state's attorney, and Hilary Caplan, prosecuting

attorney, decided on a retrial after a criminal court jury failed to reach a verdict and a mistrial was declared.

"You can't ask the state's attorney's office to investigate itself," Turco said. "I'm asking people who are concerned about justice to speak up now while there is still time."

Turco and his lawyer William Kunstler are discussing future legal moves, one of which may be seeking prosecution for alleged perjury of three witnesses who testified against him.

Turco, 28, a former Chemical Bank of New York employee and 1969 attorney for four Baltimore Panthers, believes he is being

used as an example in a scare tactic to keep people away from the Panthers.

"There has been a tradition of calculated attitudes to wipe out the Panthers," Turco said when asked about the possible motives of the state's attorney's office in his charge that it is conspiring against him.

"I think the decision of the state's attorney's office was completely contrary to the evidence presented during the trial," he said Tuesday when the decision to have a retrial was announced.

"If I, a white person, who can afford counsel am treated like this, then we know that poor

black people are treated worse."

Dismissal of the charges against Turco will be sought by his local attorney, Harold Buchman.

The three-week long trial, in which Turco was accused of ordering the October, 1969 torture and shotgun killing of suspected police informer Eugene Leroy Anderson, 20, did not run smoothly.

The trial was spotted with frequent emotional outbursts, defense charges of conspiracy and faulty evidence, and stricken witness testimony. At one point, jury foreman Paul F. Ronnhelm, 47, said, "I don't think there is any chance of reaching a ver-

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dict."

Saturday night's hung jury resulted in a mistrial, after which Judge James W. Murphy set bail at \$10,000. Both state and federal

courts had refused to order bail for Turco, who has spent nine months in the Baltimore City Jail awaiting trial.